

DIOCESE OF SAGINAW
CLERICAL AND PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

May 12, 2025

Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss, Bishop of Saginaw, announces the following clerical and parish assignments, effective July 1, 2025:

Chancery

Reverend Alberto Vargas named Chancellor for the Diocese of Saginaw.

Senior Priests

Reverend Ronald Wagner, Pastor of Resurrection of the Lord Parish of Standish, to Senior Priest, retirement.

Reverend Michael Steltenkamp, SJ, Pastor of Saint John XXIII Parish of Hemlock/Merrill, to Senior Priest, retirement.

Reverend John Sarge, from Sacramental Minister of Our Lady of Peace Parish of Bay City, to retirement effective July 31, 2025.

Pastors

Reverend Nathan Harburg from Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish of Ubly to Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish of Bay City, effective August 1, 2025.

Reverend Thomas Held from priest in residence at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish to Pastor of Resurrection of the Lord Parish of Standish.

The following have been re-appointed to their current assignment:

Reverend Robert Howe as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, in Midland, for a second six-year term.

Reverend Patrick Jankowiak as Pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish of Frankenmuth, for a second six-year term.

Reverend Daniel Fox, OFM Cap., Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish of Sanford, for 1 year.

Msgr. Francis Koper, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish of Clare, for 1 year.

Reverend Prentice Tipton, Pastor of Prince of Peace Parish of Linwood, for 1 year.

Reverend Francis Voris, OFM Cap., Pastor of St. Joseph Parish of Saginaw, for 1 year.

Parochial Administrators

Reverend Nagipogo Aruna Kumar, Parochial Administrator of Good Shepherd Parish of Ubly.

Reverend Sunil Kumar Pallela from Parochial Administrator of Holy Apostles Parish of Ruth, and Saint Isidore Parish of Parisville/Palms to Parochial Administrator of Saint John XXIII of Hemlock/Merrill.

Reverend Anthony Pilli, Parochial Administrator of Holy Apostles Parish of Ruth, St. Isidore Parish of Parisville and St. Patrick Church in Palms.

Sacramental Minister

Reverend James Carlson from Sacramental Minister of Our Lady of Peace Parish of Bay City, to Nativity of the Lord Parish of Alma and St. Louis, effective August 1, 2025.